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## CURRENT LOCAL LACONICS.

**Brief Mention of What Is Going On In and About Titusville.**

Send your watches for repairs to W. M. Woodward, Titusville. Work guaranteed.

If you want the best dental work, go to Dr. Dodson. Office near courthouse.

Mr. W. M. Brown was called to Jacksonville on some business matters Wednesday, returning yesterday.

Mr. Mace expects to start down the river with his nicely fitted up houseboat, the Edna C., sometime next week.

There was no regular meeting of the Titusville board of trade Wednesday night on account of a quorum of the members not being present.

Mr. Geo. M. Robbins has been in Jacksonville and Tallahassee for the past week attending to important law business, returning Wednesday night.

Major J. M. Taylor, of Alabama, who has been in town several days, may locate in this section as he finds the climate very beneficial to his health.

Mr. T. Roy Puckett, editor and publisher of the Cocoa and Rockledge News, spent a part of Monday and Tuesday with relatives and friends in town.

Mr. R. W. Joyner is very proud of the new Orient bicycle which arrived for him Saturday. The Orient is by far the favorite with our fastest riders this year.

We have received, through the instructions of Senator Mallory, from Washington a wall map of the United States, for which courtesy we return thanks.

Services in the Presbyterian church—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m., song and praise service at 7:15 p. m. Subject: "The Gospel of Health."

Mr. C. W. Bolton, of Malabar, paid his first visit to the county seat in three years last Friday and Saturday, not forgetting to give THE STAR office a call while here.

Mr. R. E. Rose, of Kissimmee, the best posted man in the south regarding cane culture and the making of syrup and sugar from cane, stopped here over night last Friday on his way from Miami to his home.

Mr. W. C. Sneden and wife, of Waveland, prominent residents of that section, where Mr. Sneden has invested considerably, spent a portion of Friday and Saturday last in town.

Bishop W. C. Gray was a passenger on the southbound train Friday last en route to Miami on his annual visit to the Episcopal churches along the east coast. His appointment at Titusville will be on the 13th day of March.

Mrs. W. D. Mussenden, of Bath, Me., arrived Sunday afternoon on a visit to her aged mother, Mrs. McLellan, and her sister, Mrs. M. P. Robbins. Mrs. Mussenden has spent portions of several winter seasons here, and has made many friends who welcome her arrivals.

Judge Jones has been at his Klondike plantation this week, superintending corn planting. He relaxes his nerves from knotty legal questions by giving his attention for a few days to agriculture, in which he is well posted and takes deep interest. He returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. R. H. Baxter, of Bath, Maine, nee Miss Katie Mussenden, arrived Wednesday for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. M. P. Robbins. Mrs. Baxter is expecting the arrival of a friend in a few days, when they will visit Palm Beach and Miami and many other points of interest in the state.

The services of our Indian River band are wanted by the people of Kissimmee at the meeting of the Stockmen's association, which is to be held in that place on March 7th. Thus it is very apparent that the music of our band furnished at Sanford recently was quite an advertisement for them.

Rev. J. E. Mickler, pastor of the Methodist churches at this place and Cocoa, received a telegram at Cocoa Sunday announcing the death of his father at Welborn, Fla., whom he left in the best of health about a month ago. He proceeded at once to his home on the 5:37 train from this place that same afternoon.

Mr. W. S. Pitts, of Fort Pierce, who arrived in town Monday on his way to New Smyrna and Daytona, brought to our office a pair of mounted Texas steer's horns, which measured forty inches from tip to tip, of perfect symmetrical form. These he proposes to raffle probably at one of the above mentioned places. He has made an appointment to lecture at Daytona on Washington's birthday, which he hopes to carry out.

We are receiving our new spring suits, the prices of which will be the same as last season, notwithstanding the advances in all materials entering into the manufacturing of clothing.

**THE EAGLE CLOTHING STORE.**  
One of the Messrs. Griffing Bros., nurserymen, of Jacksonville, was here this week for the purpose of examining the grounds about the railway station, as this firm has the contract for planting out citrus fruit trees and shrubs and flowering plants about the passenger station here as well as at other points along the route. Some fine orange trees will be planted here, and Mr. W. H. McFarland has taken the contract to protect them from any cold waves with his quick action tents.

## County Court.

The February term of county court convened Monday, Feb. 12th, with Hon. D. L. Gaudin, judge presiding; A. A. Stewart, clerk; J. P. Brown, sheriff, and M. Goldsmith, prosecuting attorney.

The criminal docket was sounded and the following cases disposed of:

State vs. Wm. Mackenzie, charged with selling liquor without license. John Adkins and R. Herndon appeared as witnesses for the state; J. D. Crabb appeared for defendant. Jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Another case against Mackenzie for the same charge, also two cases against J. D. Crabb, charged with selling liquor without a license, were nolle prossed on motion of the prosecuting attorney. A. D. Penney attorney for defendants.

State vs. Rebecca Mosely, charged with trespass. The court instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty as the state had failed to make a case.

There was also a case against Rebecca Mosely for larceny which was tried, and verdict returned not guilty. F. J. Webb, attorney for defendant.

## Two Girls Run Away.

Ida Revels and Alice Futch, who live with Ida's father, Brock Revels, on Main street, disappeared some time Monday night very quietly, not even awakening the other occupants of the house. The next morning the unexpected departure was noted and search for them was made. They proceeded southward, presumably afoot, as it was ascertained Wednesday that they were seen south of Rockledge late Tuesday. It is a matter of conjecture what led them to stray away, and where they are bound, but it is surmised that they are en route to Fort Pierce. The father will probably locate his daughter within a day or so. Both of the girls are about 16 years old. Alice Futch formerly resided at City Point, and is the daughter of the Mrs. Futch who died there a few months ago from the bite of a rattlesnake. Brock Revels claims that Alice is the instigator of his daughter running away from him.

**"STANDARD GRAND" ROTARY.**  
The only Drop Head Sewing Machine that raises, lowers and fastens the head in position without touching it. Strictly automatic.  
For sale by J. R. WALKER.

## Municipal Court.

Mayor Penney held two courts this week, one for violation of the bicycle ordinance for riding upon the sidewalks, another for fighting. A nominal fine with costs was only imposed in these two cases. It may be said here that complaint concerning the lax enforcement of the bicycle ordinance has led to the marshal's enforcing the ordinance to the letter, and all riders who break any of the provisions of the ordinance will be arrested. The hours for fast riding are only from 6 to 8 a. m., 4 to 6 p. m. and after 9 p. m.

## Bicycle Accident.

Little Frank DeCoursey received a bad fright and a black eye by being struck by Wyatt Brown while the latter was riding his bicycle Monday afternoon on Washington avenue. Brown was going pretty fast, but, noticing that the boy was backing right in front of his bicycle, stopped his wheel by throwing his foot on the front tire as a brake. A broken handlebar and bent pedal was the damage to the bicycle. Frank was struck in the eye by Brown's elbow.

## Shell Shipments Delayed.

I regret to announce to the people of Brevard that owing to the scarcity of cars and the present heavy traffic on the Florida East Coast railway it will be impossible for said road to deliver shell for the public roads before May.

J. O. FRIES,  
Supt. Public Roads,  
Titusville, Fla., Feb. 14th, 1900.

## LATEST NEWS AND INCIDENTS.

**Matters of Interest That Are Happening Around Town.**

Archdeacon B. F. Brown's appointment for Sunday, the 18th inst., will be at Eau Gallie.

The material for the gymnasium, which was mentioned in THE STAR last week, arrived Tuesday.

Attorney W. I. Metcalf, of West Palm Beach, was attending the February term of county court here the first of the week.

Mr. J. D. Crabb, who has been here this week on a visit to his family, expects to return to business in Lake City today.

Youngs' Bicycle Livery, Hutchinson avenue, near Indian River hotel. Tandems and single wheels. Popular prices. W. E. Youngs.

Mr. W. M. Moody left for Jacksonville Tuesday afternoon where his father resides, and where he will make his home for the present.

We are requested to announce that the Titusville Home Minstrels will give an entertainment at the opera house Friday evening, March 2nd.

W. M. and C. G. Featherly, former owners and editors of the Miami Metropolis, have bought the Harriman Advance, of Harriman, Tenn.

Messrs. B. B. Pyles and R. W. Joyner went to Daytona Saturday. There they attended Gorton's minstrels that night, returning home Sunday afternoon.

County Commissioner Jos. Mendel, of LaGrange, has been in very feeble health since the first of last week, but is now improving we are pleased to state.

Messrs. B. R. Wilson & Son will ship their soda fountain to Key West, where it has been disposed of, and will replace it with a brand new one of special design.

Doctor Bryant, of Boston, one of the leading members of the Canaveral club, was an arrival in town Saturday for a stay at the club's headquarters for a few weeks.

The annual report of State Comptroller W. H. Reynolds for the fiscal year of 1899 has just been received at this office, which contains considerable interesting and valuable information.

The Kissimmee Valley-Gazette says: There is a strong, hearty, boisterous bull-collie pup careering round Broadway that goes by the name of Judge Jones' pup. It is a present to the judge from Walter Bass and Mann Bass, and is to be shipped to Titusville.

It is intended that the newly-made road along the river bank from this place to Pritchard's shall be shelled right away, but, as will be seen in another column, cars cannot be had to transport the shell before two months hence.

Contractor Decker was at work the early part of the week putting a new shingle roof on Mrs. Deisner's boarding house on the south side of the gable. The rain came on Tuesday while the work was being done, wetting the interior of the building considerably.

The launch Nemo, Capt. E. M. Goodall and Mr. J. M. Leavitt, stopped here Monday on their way northbound from Jupiter to take aboard Messrs. J. W. Leavitt and N. H. Fogg, two of their party, who arrived from a visit to Palm Beach on train 74 that afternoon.

Mr. C. E. Saunders, wife and two sons, of Rutland, Vermont, who, it will be remembered, were visitors here last winter with Mr. Chas. Weed, also of Rutland, have been spending about a month in town. Yesterday they chartered Capt. Cook's sloop, the Golden Rule, and left for a cruise down the river.

Everyone in this section is very much pleased that the predicted cold wave of last week did not materialize. The warm weather we have been having for the past few days has started everything to growing, and a light freeze now would do much more harm than a rather severe freeze would have done a month ago.

Capt. Geo. J. Mercier, of Cocoa, and Mr. D. Kraus, of Savannah, have been spending the time in town since last Friday. Capt. Mercier was awaiting the arrival of his daughter, Edith, and her grandmother, Mrs. Dawson, from Savannah. He joined them on yesterday's afternoon train for Cocoa. Mr. Kraus goes from here to St. Augustine, then visits Palm Beach.

Miss Addie Wood, of Stuart, after spending nearly a year in New York, most of which time was passed in the northern part of that state, was an arrival over the Sanford division Saturday, en route to her home. The northern climate seems to have done a great deal for Miss Addie's health, and she comes back wonderfully improved, and glad to be at home again.

**THE EAGLE CLOTHING STORE** have received their new spring samples for tailoring suits, the most complete, elaborate, and up to date ever shown in any place. Over 1,000 different patterns and designs for the trade to select from. Make your selections early, giving them ample time to secure you a good fit. Each and every garment fully assured to fit, and to be made to the measure taken.

An error crept into the list of warrants issued by the board of county commissioners, as published in THE STAR last week. No warrant was issued to J. Mendel for \$2.40. Mr. Mendel would undoubtedly be glad to receive this amount, but, for the present, the members only receive mileage, having exhausted their per diem allowance, which is only \$50 per annum.

Mrs. Jos. G. Gerry, of New York, after visiting her sisters, Mrs. Hogan and Miss Scheffler, at Artesia, left Sunday for St. Augustine, Miss Scheffler accompanying her as far as the Ancient city for a few days of sight seeing. Mrs. Gerry was quite charmed with Florida climate. She may visit St. Louis ere she returns home. Miss Scheffler returned here yesterday afternoon, having spent four days most pleasantly in the Ancient city.

## Smith and Gorton.

These two entertainers played to fair-sized houses both Wednesday and last night, with a \$51 house Wednesday and a \$43 last night.

Their impersonations are of the highest order, both being artists in this line, while the sand drawings by Mr. Smith are both novel and marvelous, so quickly and deftly are they produced upon the canvas and so realistic to the eye.

It matters not whether they impersonate celebrities or indulge in comedieta they are equally at home in the different roles.

We understand that they gave quite a large percentage of their receipts here for the benefit of the Presbyterian church, which will be used in strengthening the foundation for the proposed gymnasium in one of the rooms in this building.

Wednesday night Prof. Laflin gave an exhibition of swinging of Indian clubs, in which he is quite proficient. Last night the Indian River band helped along with a few of their selections. Miss Ruth Woodward and Master Karl Schuyler gave a cornet duo selection, which was heartily enjoyed.

Everyone is well pleased with the Smith-Gorton combination, and will be glad to see them here again. Their next date is at Sanford tonight.

## Case of Senator Quay.

The friends of Senator Quay say they fully expect to be able to get consideration of the resolution in his behalf immediately after the financial bill is disposed of this week sometime, but there is unquestionably a disposition on the part of some of the Republican senators to crowd the matter over and take up either the Porto Rican or the Hawaiian bill, the chances between these two being favorably to the Porto Rican measure.

## Joel W. Swain.

The news reached here the latter part of last week of the death of Joel W. Swain, one of the oldest residents of West Brevard, who lived at Fort Drum. He had lately purchased a general merchandise store at Woodley, formerly owned by Mr. Z. Cavender, which is managed by a Mr. Harris. He will long be remembered by the old-time residents of this section, as he was a prominent man in both religious and political circles here some twenty years ago.

When ordering groceries for all staples send to W. J. Crayford, Titusville, Fla. We can please you.

## The Proposed Canal.

Mr. D. G. Anlder, chairman of the river and harbor committee of the Jacksonville board of trade, has received a communication from the engineering department, at Washington, relative to the proposed canal from the St. Johns to the Indian river. It stated that the approval of the war department would be necessary before the canal can be constructed. No action can be taken toward the construction of the canal until it is approved by the war department. In constructing this canal people in the section of Lake Washington will be greatly benefited and relieved from overflow now suffered by them, besides advantage rendered to commerce in the entire section, reclaiming thousands of acres of the best vegetable and sugar lands now to date.

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Fit and workdoughbread  
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## STATE NEWS ITEMS.

**Bits of Information About Various Events Occurring at Different Florida Points.**

Miss Lena M. Gelatt, daughter of Col. J. M. Gelatt, one of the editors and publishers of the Louisville Commercial, is visiting her friend, Mrs. S. H. Happersett, at West Palm Beach. They were schoolmates together in Burlington, Iowa, the girlhood home of Mrs. Happersett.

Oscar H. Payne, the colored postmaster at Greenland, Fla., is charged with entering a false claim for cancelled postage stamps. It is said the government has a clear case against him, several postal clerks having checked up the cancelled stamps against him.

The many friends of J. F. Woodworth were agreeably surprised Saturday when it was announced that he had received the appointment of deputy collector of customs for Miami. A special agent of the United States Treasury department visited Miami last week, and the appointment followed.

A few days ago Mr. E. W. Amsden, of Ormond, shipped to Ed R. Sizer, chief clerk of the custom house, Havana, Cuba, a coop of beautiful white Plymouth Rock fowls. The following inscription was on the coop: "We are seven beautiful white Plymouth Rocks bound for Cuba. Don't forget to water us and give us our lunch."

A ten days' trip taken back in the glades west of Miami by Lieut. C. E. Vorster resulted in his getting a chance to shoot and kill six alligators, the largest being eleven feet in length. In all the trip they only found one rattlesnake, which he killed, and found to be five feet nine inches long, but had only five rattles and a button.

In the United States court at Jacksonville last Saturday in the case of Eugene T. Wilson, receiver, against the Indian River State bank, an order was entered, upon argument made the day before, sustaining the demurrer to the fourth and seventh pleas, and overruling the same as to all the others. In this same case the defendant presented his motion for leave to file an additional plea, and set February 27th for arguing the same.

We are offering the celebrated "Howard" hat in all shades at \$2.50. This is a world-renowned article, selling everywhere at \$3.00. Get your size before our stock is exhausted.  
RHODES, the Clothier.

## A Peculiar Fish.

Mr. A. R. Gladwin, one of the most successful fishermen who spends the winters here on the east coast, and who lately left Titusville and went to Miami, caught a peculiar fish last Saturday, and among all the wise ones in fish lore in this section, none had ever seen anything like it. The fish was about three feet in length, covered with clear white scales from the tip of its nose to its tail. A wide sail-like fin adorned its back from head to tail. From its mouth projected two long hooked fangs. Its body was a little flattened, and not more than three inches in diameter in the thickest place.

A fish answering this same description, with the exception of the hooked fangs, was caught by a fisherman of Titusville, a few years ago in his net while fishing on Mosquito lagoon. No one here had ever seen anything like it, but these freaks, probably of the gar family, are occasionally met up with.

There was one of about the same description caught near Fort Pierce a few years since.

New stock and styles in Embroidery and Laces. Come and see them.  
J. R. WALKER.

## Wreck Located.

Under date of January 12, 1900, the U. S. weather bureau observer at Jupiter, Fla., reports that a broken mast, showing about 6 feet out of water and slanting northward, probably part of a sunken wreck, lies about 2 miles from the beach, ESE. of Jupiter light, and in the track of southbound steamers.

For thoroughbred poultry and poultry supplies of all kinds write E. W. Amsden, Ormond, Fla.

## MUST BE SOLD!

My stock of lumber and building material will be sold at greatly reduced prices in order to prepare for the opening of my big yard in Palatka. Send at once for your orders.  
G. F. PADDISON, 52 p. n. o. o. n.  
Eau Gallie, Fla.  
except from 1 to 4 o'clock.

## NOTICE.

The city tax books are now open at the court house every day. Sunday except from 9 to 11 a. m. A. from 1 to 4 o'clock. Prompt Jones